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LETTER DATED 3 MAY 1999 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ERITREA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit a document of an Agreement reached between the State of Eritrea and the Republic of the Sudan on 2 May 1999 in Doha, Qatar.

I should be grateful if you would kindly circulate this letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Tesfa Alem SEYOUM
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Annex

Agreement

As part of the good offices being made by the State of Qatar to reach a solution for the existing differences between the State of Eritrea and the Republic of the Sudan, and in keeping with the traditional ties and historical relations between the two neighbouring peoples; and

In response to the mediation by the State of Qatar aiming to establish security and stability in both countries and in the Horn of Africa, and in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the two countries in Doha on 10 November 1998,

A summit meeting was held in Doha on Sunday, 2 May 1999, between Issaias Afewerki, President of the State of Eritrea, Omar Hassan Al-Basheer, President of the Republic of the Sudan, and Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar. Whereas they agreed to the following:

1. Restoring diplomatic relations between the two countries.

2. Respecting international laws and customs regulating peaceful co-existence and good-neighbourly relations among countries and peoples.

3. Respecting the political choices of both countries and peoples, and refraining from adopting a policy of exporting ideologies and seeking to impose them.

4. Refraining from hosting or organizing regional or international conferences that aim to adopt policies or coordinate tasks posing a threat to the security and stability of neighbouring countries.

5. Working to resolve the remaining differences between the two countries through peaceful means.

6. Establishing joint committees between the two countries to examine the remaining issues, especially those related to security, and implement what has been agreed upon in this Agreement.

Signed at Doha on 16/1/1420 H.
Corresponding to 2/5/1999 G.

President of the State of Eritrea
(Signed) Issaias AFEWERKI

President of the Republic of the Sudan
(Signed) Omar Hassan AL-BASHEER

Emir of the State of Qatar
(Signed) Hamad bin Khalifa AL-THANI